Proposed General Plan Update Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions



Quality Neighborhoods

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Vibrant, Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods

Goal HN - 1 Develop new and preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods to be vibrant, attractive and complete.

HN-1 Vibrant, Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods Policies

- Policy HN-1.1 Include services and facilities within each neighborhood to meet the daily needs of neighborhood residents. At least TBD% of all San Jose residents should live within a ½ mile walking distance of schools, parks and retail services.
- Policy HN-1.2 Maintain existing and develop new community services and gathering spaces that allow for increased social interaction of neighbors, (i.e. parks, community centers and gardens, schools, commercial areas, churches, and other gathering spaces).
- Policy HN-1.3 Encourage the development and maintenance of compatible neighborhood retail and services within walking distance of residences as a means to promote the creation of "complete" neighborhoods.
- Policy HN-1.4 Encourage the location of full service grocery stores within or adjacent to neighborhoods that do not have good access to healthy foods. At least TBD% of all San Jose residents should live within a ½ mile walking distance of a full service grocery store.
- Policy HN-1.5 Distribute neighborhood-oriented services and facilities equitably throughout the city's neighborhoods, to the extent feasible. (San Jose 2020 GP) For specific policies related to City services and facilities refer to the Public Facilities and Services section of this Plan.
- Policy HN-1.6 Continue to work with neighborhoods on the planning and provision of City services and facilities to meet the specific needs of the given neighborhood.
- Policy HN-1.7 New development should be designed to contribute to the positive identity of a neighborhood, encourage pedestrian activity and produce a positive urban environment.
- Policy HN- 1.8 New development within neighborhoods should enhance the public realm, provide for direct and convenient pedestrian access and visually connect to

the surrounding neighborhood. As opportunities arise, improve existing development to meet these objectives as well.

- Policy HN-1.9 Promote the preservation of positive character defining elements in neighborhoods, such as architecture; design elements like setbacks, heights, number of stories, or attached/detached garages; landscape features; street design; etc.
- Policy HN-2.0 Protect residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of incompatible activities or land uses which may have a negative impact on the residential living environment. (San Jose 2020 GP modified)
- Policy HN-2.1 Public and private development should be designed to build upon the vital character and desirable qualities of existing neighborhoods.
- Policy HN-2.2 Encourage the maintenance of private property within the city's neighborhoods, and enforce the City's codes related to blight as necessary.

HN-1 Vibrant Attractive and Complete Neighborhoods Actions

- Action HN-2.3 Continue to work with community and neighborhood groups on the development and implementation of policies and initiatives to enhance community identity and to foster pride in the neighborhood.
- Action HN-2.4 Develop and implement policies, design guidelines and regulations to facilitate the development of small scale neighborhood serving retail in appropriate locations within or adjacent to existing neighborhoods.
- Action HN-2.5 Develop and implement policies, design guidelines and regulations to promote the preservation of positive character defining elements within neighborhoods.

Community Empowerment

Goal HN-2 Empower communities to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods

HN-2 Community Empowerment Policies

- Policy HN-2.1 Proactively engage neighborhood groups in the decision-making process as a regular component of City government activities. (San Jose 2020 GP)
- Policy HN-2.1 Continue to abide by the City's Community Outreach Policy and update, as needed, to reflect changing technology and improved techniques.

Policy HN-2.2 Ensure that the community has opportunities to provide input on the design of public and private development within their community.

HN-2 Community Empowerment Actions

Action HN-2.3 Continue to work with neighborhood and community leaders to educate them on the City's decision making processes and to empower them with the knowledge to participate in these processes.